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### **“Security Management – The Way Forward”**

Brussels, Belgium (5 April 2007) - The ASIS International 6<sup>th</sup> Annual European Security Conference, Security Management – The Way Forward, took place on 25-28 March at the InterContinental Hotel in Berlin, Germany. ASIS International's European conference which was first held in 2002 in Amsterdam, is now firmly established as Europe's foremost security conference.

More than 500 security professionals, corporate executives, consultants, and officials from 54 different countries attended 44 high-level educational sessions on topics ranging from supply chain security and maritime piracy to terrorism prevention and executive protection.

Keynote speakers included Former German Federal Minister of the Interior Otto Schily MdB, President of Germany's Federal Police, Jörg Ziercke, UK's Deputy Permanent Military Representative to the EU Brigadier Ian Abbott and Robert Benninga, a leading authority in the field of Human Peak performance and Change Management.

Other speakers included David Snider and Kjell Lauvik of UNHCR on humanitarian security in high risk environments, René Schwarzenbach of Brooks & Partners on executive protection and Henry Wilkinson on coup risk in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

New this year was a dedicated session on the benefits of professional certification for which over 100 delegates had registered. Delegates also attended networking events such as the SRVP Welcome Reception at the InterContinental Hotel, as well as the President's Reception at the Museum for Communication.

ASIS also announced the winner of the ASIS International European Person of the Year 2007 Award, Wim Philippa, Secretary General of the European Roundtable of Industrialists (ERT). Mr. Philippa has played a leading role in raising awareness of the consequences of criminality and organised crime for business and industry. He presented the issue of criminality primarily as a challenge for business management and was able to put the subject firmly on the political agenda in the European Union.

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